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**For:** **System, Method, and Computer Program Product for Weather and  
 Terrestrial Vegetation-Based Water Renovation and Management  
 Forecasting**

Inventors: Beck *et al.*  
 Our Ref: 1481.0170000/PEG/TAD

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2. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (PTO/SB/30);
3. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
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